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1. In December 1950 large numbers (sic) of Soviet troops, tanks, and airplanes arrived in Yenchi (129-31, 42-55). Large numbers of Soviet tanks arrived in the Lungchingts'un (129-26, 42-47) and Ch'aoyangch'u'an (129-23, 42-53) areas on the Tumen River during December. In late December, approximately 300 Soviet tanks arrived at the Yenchi airfield by the rail line between Changchun and Tumen. Soon after arrival, the tanks were removed to the T'unghua (125-57, 41-43) area.
2. Since late December, more Soviet troops have arrived in Yenchi, Lungchingts'un, and Ch'aoyangch'u'an. Soviet troops have arrived in other areas of P'irin Province, Manchuria, but dates of arrival are not known.* Since late December, there has been considerable air activity by Soviet aircraft at the Yenchi airfield and also heavy traffic of Soviet tanks and military vehicles between Yenchi and Yonchon.**
3. Civilians in the Yenchi area are required to provide meat and potatoes for the newly-arrived Soviet troops, but they are not used for forced labor as they were when Soviet troops arrived at the end of World War II.
4. According to Soviet propaganda*** in the Yenchi area, Soviet troops are temporarily stationed in the area to operate a tank and airplane supply base for Chinese volunteers fighting in Korea. It is said that another reason for stationing Soviet troops in that area is that from this position they can observe developments in the Korean war and, if necessary, step into the actual fighting.****

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Comment. This is presumably Hunch'un (130-22, 42-52).

Comment. Although the North Korean contacts reported the information in the first three paragraphs as facts, it is possible that the entire report is propaganda.

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